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CLOSURE OF SAN JOAQUIN RIVER AS OF 3/17/2023

As of this notice the **San Joaquin River** from the Stockton Deep Water Channel to Stanislaus County line **shall remain closed to recreational boating traffic** (with some exception noted below) **until further notice** by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office.

1. The closure or restrictions listed above DO NOT apply to emergency vessels or vessels operating to perform maintenance, inspection and/or repair to Delta levees as approved by the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services.
2. Please keep in mind that waves against the levees, particularly at high tides may cause erosion to the levee which increases the threat to the levees.

Frequently Asked Questions

- a. Why is the San Joaquin Rivers closed?
 - i. The releases of water upriver, combined with heavy rains have caused the rivers and sloughs in the south Delta to reach extremely high levels on surrounding levees. Wakes from boats at high tides, could pose a risk to levee stability in some areas.
- b. How long will the closure be in place?
 - i. The closure dependents on water levels in the Delta systems which fluctuate with rain events and possibly again in spring or early summer as the snow melts in the

surrounding mountains. Closures are lifted or modified by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office.

- c. What happens if I boat on a closed river?
 - i. County Sheriff Marine Patrol divisions and the United States Coast Guard will be enforcing the closures.
 - ii. Under Cal Reg Title 14 6698.2 (a); During emergency situations, such as actual or projected high-water levels or flooding, and in the interest of preserving the safety of persons and property, the director, or his or her designee, may restrict or order the closure of all or any part of the waters in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

- d. Who do I contact if I have questions regarding this directive?
 - i. San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services, (209) 953-6200